

CLAIMS

1. Tire wear monitoring system, including a wearing part (110, 111) to be monitored, said wearing part (110, 111) being associated with magnetic elements 5 (113) and magnetic field sensing means (114), for sensing an intensity of a magnetic field emitted by said magnetic elements (113), associated with said wearing part (113) of said tire, characterized in that said magnetic field sensing means (114) for sensing an 10 intensity of a magnetic field emitted by said magnetic elements (113) are associated with a wheel to which said tire belongs.
2. System according to claim 1, characterized in that said magnetic field sensing means (114) for 15 sensing an intensity of a magnetic field emitted by said magnetic elements (113) are associated with a rim of said wheel.
3. System according to claim 1, characterized in that said magnetic field sensing means (114) for 20 sensing an intensity of a magnetic field emitted by said magnetic elements (113) are associated with the tire of said wheel.
4. System according to claim 3, characterized in that said magnetic field sensing means (114) for 25 sensing an intensity of a magnetic field emitted by said magnetic elements (113) are inserted close to the wearing part (110, 113) of said tire.
5. System according to claim 3, characterized in that said magnetic field sensing means (114) for 30 sensing an intensity of a magnetic field emitted by said magnetic elements (113) are applied to the internal part of said tire.
6. System according to claim 4, characterized in that said magnetic field sensing means (114) for 35 sensing an intensity of a magnetic field emitted by

1 said magnetic elements (113) are located close to blocks (111) of said wearing part (110) of the tire.

2 7. System according to at least one of claims 1  
3 to 6, characterized in that said magnetic field sensing  
4 means (114) include one or multiple sensors comprising  
5 magnetoresistive elements (10; 20) suitable for varying  
their resistance in correspondence with the intensity  
variation of the magnetic field generated by said  
magnetic elements (113).

6 10 8. System according to claim 7, characterized in  
7 that said magnetoresistive element (20) includes metal  
8 conduction regions (13; 23), comprised of metal  
9 nanoparticles (37), and semiconductive conduction  
10 regions (11; 31) in a configuration of disordered  
11 mesoscopic structure.

12 9. System according to claim 7 or 8,  
13 characterized in that said magnetoresistive element  
14 (20) includes pores (12; 22) in a semiconductor  
15 substrate (11; 31), metal (13; 23) being deposited in  
16 said pores (12; 22).

17 10. System according to one or more of the  
18 preceding claims, characterized in that said magnetic  
19 elements (113) are substantially located in  
20 correspondence with blocks (113) of said wearing part  
21 (110).

22 11. Monitoring system of the physical properties  
23 of a tire, characterized in that it includes a control  
24 unit (56) in a signal communication relation with  
25 sensing means (113, 114; 60, 61, 62) of said physical  
26 properties and conversion means of the energy  
27 associated with the tire motion, in particular of  
28 vibrational energy, in electric energy.

29 12. System according to claim 11, characterized  
30 in that said sensor means (113, 114) of physical  
31 properties include the magnetic elements (113) and the

magnetic sensing devices (114) configured according to the system according to claims 1 to 10.

13. System according to claim 11 or 12, characterized in that said sensing means (60, 61, 62) of physical properties include one or multiple magnetic sensing devices (61, 62) placed to predetermined distances (d1, d2) from a magnetic element (60) associated with a region of the tire (52) for measuring the pressure thereof.

10 14. System according to claim 13, characterized in that said magnetic sensing devices (61, 62) include one or multiple sensors including magnetoresistive elements (10; 20) suitable for varying their resistance in correspondence with the intensity variation of the 15 magnetic field generated by the variation of said predetermined distances (d1, d2) from a magnetic element (60) associated with a region of the tire (52) for measuring the pressure thereof.

15 15. System according to claim 14, characterized in that said magnetoresistive element (20) includes metal conduction regions (13; 23), comprised of metal nanoparticles (37) and semiconductive conduction regions (11; 31) in a configuration of disordered mesoscopic structure.

20 25 16. System according to claim 15, characterized in that said magnetoresistive element (20) includes pores (12; 22) in a semiconductor substrate (11; 31), metal (13; 23) being deposited in said pores (12; 22).

25 30 The whole substantially as described and shown, and for the stated purposes.